

## IN RE HON. MACKENZIE BOWELL.

## A Report Made Yesterday On His Recommendations.

## A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

The Committee Advises Sending a Representative to Canada to Attend the Conference Called to Consider Trade and Cable Connections.

The Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting yesterday morning to receive the report of the committee on the matters brought to the attention of the Chamber by Mr. Bowell. The meeting was set for 10:30, but twenty minutes elapsed before the requisite quorum of ten could be obtained. The president, Mr. Schaefer, then called the meeting to order and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Mr. Theophilus H. Davies, chairman of the committee, presented the following report:

To F. A. SCHAEFER, Esq., Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu.

SIR: The committee appointed to report on the subjects which Mr. Mackenzie Bowell introduced in his address to the Chamber on Monday, December 4th, have carefully considered the questions so ably laid before them, and beg to make the following report:

The committee are very sensible of the great advantages which this community must derive from any traffic which brings us into direct connection with the various important countries that are touched by the Pacific ocean. The special subject of the present report is the trade which may be developed between Canada on the north and Australia on the south by means of cable and steam communication.

Several schemes have been suggested during recent years for bringing Honolulu into telegraphic union with the world; and it is not of very material importance to Hawaii whether the connection should be made by one line or another. Undoubtedly the San Francisco connection would be preferable, because that is the point where our chief commerce is, and always will be, maintained; but the committee are of opinion that every possible facility should be given by the Hawaiian Government to any company that will introduce a trans-Pacific cable to our shores. We are confident that the necessity for speedy communication with the naval and mercantile steamers that frequent our ports will compel governments as well as private owners to inaugurate a cable service for their own convenience and protection; and the committee do not consider that this service will be hastened or retarded by any action that can be taken here. We therefore confine ourselves to the recommendation that this Government shall express its desire to facilitate, in every way possible, the creation of cable communication across the Pacific ocean.

With regard to the subject of steam service between our shores and the Canadian and Australian empires, the committee are of opinion that a very important development of our trade must follow the inauguration of such a service. The tropical products of our islands already find a large market in the northwest territory of the United States, and with proper facilities we could send to the Canadian markets of British Columbia all the sugar, coffee, rice, fruits, etc., that they could dispose of. For the present nearly the whole of our sugar is under contract to be shipped to San Francisco, and therefore are not available for shipment to any other market, but it is not improbable that an arrangement could be made between the San Francisco and Vancouver refineries whereby the latter should receive its supplies from Honolulu, and so restrict the importation of raw sugar to the Pacific coast by discontinuing importations from Manila.

In order to do this it would be necessary that the Canadian tariff be modified so as to admit ordinary Hawaiian sugars free. At present our sugars are practically driven out of the Canadian markets because of their high color, and Manila sugars are admitted free because of their darker color. The short experience we have had of the Canadian-Australian line of steamers enables us to express our confidence in the future of the trade in will bring to our shores. The contrast between the climate and scenery of British Columbia, and those of Hawaii, will induce a great interchange of visitors, and gradually open up an important passenger traffic, which cannot fail to be beneficial to both countries.

The committee are deeply impressed with the importance of giving every encouragement to this, and all other steam lines which make regular connections with this port; and they recommend that the Government be requested to extend all freedom of port charges, that is in their power, to the steamers so coming.

The committee feel that they cannot omit an expression of sympathy with the owners in the disaster to the *Miwaka*, and the consequent disengagement of the line, and they also desire to express their sense of the energy and determination which so soon supplied the deficiency.

Mr. Mackenzie Bowell expressed a hope that a representative from Hawaii should be present at the conference to be held in Canada early in 1894, for consideration of trade and cable connections over the route alluded to; and the committee consider that it is very desirable that such a representative should attend on behalf, either of the Government, or of this chamber, in order to explain or

discuss any points that might be of special value to this country.

We are, sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
THOMAS H. DAVIES,  
CHAS. M. COOKE,  
H. F. GLADSTONE.  
Honolulu, 24 January, 1894.

On motion of Mr. Hyman, the report was accepted and the secretary was instructed to furnish copies of the report to Mr. Bowell and to the Provisional Government.

Mr. Hyman then moved a resolution endorsing the creation of the office of appraiser and insisting upon appointing a suitable man, qualified by his character and a thorough knowledge of merchandise, to discharge the duties of the position. After a brief discussion the resolution was adopted.

At a few minutes past 11 o'clock the Chamber adjourned.

## AFTERNOON WEDDING.

Lieut. Rush, U. S. N., and Miss Hare Married Friday.

St. Andrew's Cathedral was the scene of a very pretty ceremony Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, when Lieut. William R. Rush of the United States Navy was united in marriage to Miss Jane Hare, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hare of this city. Sometime before the hour set for the happy event, the cathedral was filled in every part by a large and fashionable audience. His Ex. Attorney-General Smith and Major Geo. C. Potter occupied front seats, as also did a number of the officers from the U. S. Flagship *Philadelphia* and the U. S. S. *Adams*. The parents and near relatives of the fair bride had seats reserved for them. Major Geo. McLeod and Mr. S. G. Wilder were in attendance as ushers. Shortly after the hour named above, the bride made her appearance at the main door with her father, who gave her away. She was attended by the maid of honor, Miss Bessie Reynolds. The ushers led the bridal party up the aisle to the chancel, where they met the bridegroom, and his best man, Paymaster Mitchell McDonald of the U. S. S. *Adams*. During this the choir of the second congregation sang the bridal hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." At the conclusion of the hymn the organist, Mr. Wray Taylor, subdued the organ into the softest tones and played while the ceremony proceeded. The responses by the bride and groom were quite audible, and the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner, according to the rites of the American Episcopal Church. After the couple had been made man and wife, they proceeded to the vestry to sign the register to the strains of the *Lochmora* Bridal March. This done they left the Cathedral while Mendelssohn's Wedding March pealed forth from the organ. The bride was attired in a handsome gray traveling suit, while the groom and his best man were in naval uniform.

Lieut. and Mrs. Rush left on the City of Peking at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on their bridal tour. Previous to the sailing of the steamer they held a reception on the upper deck, when a large number of persons tendered their congratulations. They will visit in California and then go on East. They carry with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

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